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## Masonic Installation Local Lodge Officers Stearns Given Watch

At the installation of the officers, both elective and appointive, of Harmony Lodge of Masons of this town, at the Masonic Hall on Parker Ave last Friday evening, the retiring secretary, Charles C. Stearns, was presented a Gruen gold watch, by the members of the fraternity, in recognition of his 39 years of faithful and active service. Past Master Lawrence Cooper made the presentation in behalf of the donors. Beside the large number of members in attendance, there were about 60 guests from out of town and after the installation a banquet was served in the lower hall. District Deputy Grand Master Frank H. Reed of Greenfield was the installing officer and his staff included the following of Republican Lodge: Frank A. Yeaw, Arthur Staples, Dr. H. M. McDonald, Cyril B. Raymond, John Peterson, Leon W. Graham, John B. Roys, William Hayes G. Walter Carpenter and Frank H. Maxwell, and Donald E. Mathewson.

The officers of Harmony Lodge who were installed were:

Master, Vernal Huribut; senior warden, George McEwan; junior warden, Roy J. Fish; secretary, Merritt C. Skilton; treasurer, Ralph H. Forsyth; chaplain, Harold F. Bigelow; senior deacon, Horace Bolton; junior deacon, F. Wilton; Dean, senior steward, Ralph Livermore; junior steward, Harry Dean.

The retiring Master, Harold F. Bigelow was presented a Past Master Jewel, by Edgar J. Livingston in behalf of the members of Harmony Lodge.

## Congregational Church

Services on Sunday and events during the week are as follows:—

Sunday:—  
10—Sunday School.  
11—Morning Worship. Sermon by Mr. Dahl: "Whose Word? God's or Man's?" Observance of Universal Bible Sunday.  
7:30—Evening Service in the Vestry. Sermon by Mr. Dahl: "Samson's God's Strong Man."  
The Christian Endeavour Society and the Young People's Forum will not meet so that the members may attend the Christmas Services at the Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon.

Monday:—  
8—The Friendly Class will hold its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Carmean.

Tuesday:—  
6:30—Meeting of the Brotherhood. Supper, with program at 7:30.  
Tuesday Bible class will be discontinued until after the Christmas season.  
Wednesday:—  
7:30—Social of the Young People's Forum.  
Thursday:—  
10—All Day Meetings of the Sewing Society.  
7:15—Prayer Meeting in the Endeavour Room.  
8—Choir Rehearsal.

## The Unitarian Church

Sunday morning service will be at 10:45. Sermon topic: "Singing Praises With a Whole Heart." A Christmas sermon in time of war. Rev. Arthur Heeb minister. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, organist.

The Church school meets at 9:45 with Harland Randall as the leader.

A church supper will be held this Friday evening in the church parlors.

A service of Family Communion will be held at 10:30 Sunday morning, December 21. All the families of the parish and members of the Church School and Church are especially invited.

## Not Without Peril Recent Novel Creates Interest In Characters

Since the publication of the historical novel "Not without peril" by Marguerite Allis, much interest has been created among this and other nearby communities, because the story deals largely with historical happenings and facts in places in this locality and with persons, who were numbered among the early settlers. Sartwell's fort and Fort Bridgeman on the west of the river at Vernon and Fort Hinsdale on the east are places mentioned in the book and their locations are marked by monuments and visited by many people. Miss Allis' book has turned the spot light on the characters and her heroine is Jimena, who was taken captive to Canada by the Indians with her five children, only to escape and return to Vernon. She is buried in the cemetery at Vernon as Jimena Tute and her gravestone has been recut, so that the many who journey to find it, may easily discover and read it. Now the grave and tombstone of her second husband, a colonial hero, has been found through the efforts of the Hinsdale, N. H., selectmen. Some time ago the remains and tombstone had been removed from a field, planted with tobacco and placed in Hooker cemetery where today the site will be sought and visited by those interested in the past. The inscription on the stone is self explanatory and reads: "In memory of Mr. Caleb Howe, a very kind companion, who was killed by the Indians on June 27th, 1765 in the 32nd year of his age. His wife, Mrs. Jimena Howe with 7 children taken captive the same time." Records show that Howe was mortally wounded by an Indian raiding party while at work in his corn field. Jimena escaped sometime after from the Indians and returned to Vernon, which at that time was still part of Hinsdale. Jimena Howe later became Mrs. Amos Tute. The story "Not without peril" is based on many known and authentic facts which were also substantiated by a Rev. Gay who put them in writing when given to him by Mrs. Tute and afterwards put in print in a school reader.

The book "Not without peril" is in the Dickinson Library and is being taken out continually by patrons of the library. The Bookstore has sold several copies.

## Youth Hostel Items

More than 280 reservations have been received by the American Youth Hostels for the Christmas Reunion which lasts from December 27th to January 1st. This indicates the biggest holiday season to date for the annual get-together of hostellers. Folk-dancing, movies, music, hikes, and winter sports (weather permitting) are scheduled for the week. All hostellers and their friends are welcome.

Peaslee Bond is leaving the staff of the youth hostels to take a position with the Hartley Productions of 20 West 47th Street, New York City, producers of commercial moving pictures. Mr. Bond has been with the local hostel since March, 1939. A hobby of taking pictures led to his present connection.

Sumner Winship has returned to work at the Youth Hostel in Northfield after a short stay in New York City with friends. A quick trip to Chicago and back by American Airlines was an interesting part of his trip.

Monroe Smith, Director of the AYH is getting ready to take his annual trip in the United States to visit hostel and regional headquarters throughout the country.

## Red Cross Roll Call Closes And Reports A High Of \$715.22

The Roll Call of the American Red Cross in this community has brought in the sum of \$715.22, which is a high and satisfactory amount, and the Chairman for Northfield, George W. Carr, has turned this amount over to the treasurer of the Franklin County Chapter in Greenfield and sub-vass for membership and subscriptions began on Armistice day and is now concluded. The various districts were solicited and members who were assigned brought in the following amounts: Mrs. Neva Barber \$15.50; Miss Helen Handy \$17; Mrs. William Marshall \$31; Walter H. Waite \$11; Roy R. Hatch \$17.25; Mrs. Fred Huber \$24; Mrs. Edward Bolton \$9.50; George W. Carr \$4.69; Mrs. William Shattuck \$37.85; Mrs. Vernal Huribut \$13.50; Miss Julia Austin \$21.50; Mrs. Richard A. Cobb \$21; Mrs. Robert McCastline \$13; Mrs. Charles Repeta \$8.25; Mrs. Malcolm Billings \$26; Mrs. Carroll Rich \$14; Mrs. A. H. Farnum \$7; Mrs. A. Gordon Moody \$22; Miss Helen Proctor and aids (Seminary) \$391.18.

Memberships and contributions from Mount Hermon are kept separately and so returned and reported. Mrs. Carr who has acted as the secretary for the committee has closed her reports but will welcome any membership from people in this community who have been overlooked. Mr. Carr, local chairman, in behalf of the Red Cross desires to thank all members of the committee and all others, including the Press, for assisting in the roll call.

## Heard Fine Address

Last Friday afternoon William Averitt of Deerfield Academy spoke to the Fortnightly on "Foreign Affairs." Mr. Averitt's very thorough review of the Russo-German conflict was very enlightening and he stated that he thought Russia would be able to hold out against the Nazis. Irving Lawrence sang several songs accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Taylor.

The tea committee was Mrs. Ross Spencer, Miss Marion Holton and Mrs. Marshall Lamphere. Next week Friday at 3 o'clock in Alexander Hall The Fortnightly will hear Mrs. Edith Abercrombie Snow of Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Snow's subject will be "Woman's World." A writer and journalist as well as a lecturer, Mrs. Snow has been for two years President of the Worcester Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. The collection will be for the benefit of the Health Council.

Tea committee will be Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. Roy J. Fish and Mrs. Frank Pearsall.

## "Sampson and Delilah"

Rise Stevens, young American mezzo-soprano, will sing the lead role of Delilah in "Sampson and Delilah," third opera to be broadcast this season from the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock over Station WBZ and WBZA, Boston and Springfield, and the NBC-Blue network.

Rene Maisin, tenor, will sing the role of Sampson. Others in the cast will include Leonard Warren, baritone, as the High Priest; Norman Cordon, basso, as Abimelech, and Nicola Moscona, basso, as an old Hebrew. Wilfred Pelletier will conduct.

## "No School" Signal

Robert N. Taylor, Supt. of Schools announces that sometimes becomes necessary because of stormy weather to close schools for the day. Arrangements have been made with Station WHAI in Greenfield to include Northfield in its list of such announcements which are usually made at 7:30 and again at 8 a. m. Parents are requested to tune in at one of these periods.

"No school" announcements will be made only when weather conditions are unusually severe.

## Children In Church

Little children will be cared for in the primary room of the Congregational Church beginning this coming Sunday, under the auspices of the Mothers' Society. This is to make it possible for parents with small children to attend Church on Sunday mornings with them at eleven o'clock. Parents are urged to make use of this new opportunity.

## Local Defense Committee On The Alert Here Takes Precautions

In accordance with a general order issued from Defense headquarters in Boston, a special meeting of the Northfield Defense Committee was held Monday evening at which were represented the Selectmen and the American Legion.

The various departments of defense are being developed as rapidly as possible, and it is intended that the lives and property of our citizens receive all the protection possible in case of an air raid. Whereas Northfield would probably never be singled out for attack, it must be remembered that the whole Connecticut Valley is a particularly vulnerable area with our various power developments and defense manufacturing plants, and Northfield would be in the direct path of any raid that might take place.

Already our Air Observation Post has begun functioning on a 24-hour basis, and other departments will be put into operation as soon as the need seems imminent. The greatest need at present is for air observers, and anyone able to cooperate in this department will report at once to Captain Marshall.

The setup of the department heads of the Defense Committee follows, and anyone wishing to offer their services in any of these departments may do so by contacting the head of that department.

Local Chairman, George McEwan; Women's Division, Miss Hazel Schooley; Planning Division, Harold Bigelow; Publicity Division, Dr. R. G. Holton; Protection Division, Captain William Marshall; Health and Social Service Division, Dr. A. H. Wright; Social Service, S. E. Walker; Dr. E. W. Dean; Services and Supplies Division, A. Gordon Moody. Mrs. Emery Rikert Home nursing.

## Northfield Brotherhood

The Northfield Brotherhood meets next Tuesday evening. Supper will be served at 6:30. The speaker of the evening is Carl C. Compton, dean of Anatolia College, at Thessaloniki, Greece.

Mr. Compton has done service in connection with the American Board of Foreign Missions since 1913, in Turkey, the Caucasus (Russia), and Greece. In 1918-19, he spent a year in Siberia with the refugees from Turkey. He will have valuable information to give with reference to the parts that the present world war has been devastating.

The members of the Brotherhood are invited to bring good serviceable clothing that may be forwarded to destitute villages in Northern New England. Mr. Dahl will give information about these needy people. This offers the opportunity for a useful Christmas offering.

## Virginia Camp

In order to finish meeting all obligations for 1941, amounting to about \$100, the committee of the Virginia Fresh Air Camp had planned a benefit entertainment to be held in the Christmas holidays.

Now that the National Red Cross has launched a \$50,000,000 "War Relief Fund" appeal the Virginia Camp committee intends to give the proceeds of this proposed benefit entertainment to the Red Cross—hoping devoutly that individuals, the sympathetic friends and supporters of the Virginia Camp, will therefore send personal contributions for the camp to Mrs. W. R. Moody, East Northfield, Mass.

## Comes Home From Japan

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazelle of Glenwood Ave received information last Friday, that their daughter, Mrs. Russell Durgin, was aboard the Japanese liner Tatso Maru, which left Tokyo for Los Angeles, Calif., and expects to arrive there next Sunday. From there she will come to Northfield by train across the continent. Mr. Durgin, her husband remains in Tokyo where he is connected with the Japanese Y. M. C. A. Both have spent many years in Japan.

## Lecture Postponed

Due to the national emergency, Dr. Hans Kohn of Smith College, who plays an important part in the defense program at Northampton, was unable to speak to the history students of the Seminary on Tuesday evening of this week. Dr. Kohn will be heard, however, on next Tuesday, at 8:15 p. m. in Silverthorne Hall.

## WE ARE AT WAR

America is at war. The Japanese have moved on the war front in the Pacific and behind her dastardly hand is that of Hitler, who would not only conquer Europe but the world. We want no part of Hitlerism and must unite in a single purpose to do everything possible to defeat him and his satellites. With firm determination we are called to participate in a great fight, to ensure not only freedom in our own land but freedom elsewhere to all men. That sacrifice will be carried on until victory is won and victory will be won. The Press makes no effort to provide "war news" as that is amply provided by the radio and the big city dailies, but any event in which personalities of Northfield are concerned, we shall give the item. Our citizens will unite in a spirit of patriotism to preserve the nation, and do their full share in assuming the responsibility.

The Editor.

## Plan Defense Meeting Next Friday Evening

The local Defense committee have arranged for a mass meeting of citizens in the Town Hall, next Friday evening, the 19th at 8 o'clock, when Fire Chief Herbert Ferris of Greenfield will be the speaker and inform members of the audience of the proper handling of incendiary bombs and the proper procedure of a blackout. These are timely subjects just now and our citizens should be fully informed, in order to avoid loss of life or property in an emergency should it happen. Plan now to attend and make the date a fixture.

## Grange Has Guests

Millers River Grange of Orange and Montague Grange were guests of Northfield Grange at a neighbors' night meeting Tuesday evening. A varied program was given by the visitors and all listened to the President's speech by radio. Supper was served by Mrs. Mattie Farnum, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, and Mrs. Josephine Holton.

## Local Boys In Crash

Etna Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens, and Robert Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, were taken to the Franklin County hospital Tuesday night for injuries received when the coupe they were driving went out of control because a front tire blew out on the French King Highway near the Silver Arrow team room. Both suffered serious injuries and were attended by Dr. Steven Wolanski.

## Red Cross To Appeal

An announcement has been made in Washington by Norman Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross that the organization will seek to raise a fund of \$50,000,000 immediately for its war work in the present emergency. Further details will be announced in Press next week.

## TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Stephen Whitmore is quite ill at her home on Main Street and Mrs. George Piper of Orange is caring for her.

Lawrence S. Quinlan of Meadow Street is again quite ill at his home. He recently returned from the Franklin county hospital.

Mrs. Charles Dickerson is on a visit in New York City with her sister Mrs. Frank R. Smith.

Mrs. Mary A. Bardwell has closed her home here on Main Street and will again spend the winter in Brookline.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell of Winchester road who is at Lynn Haven, Florida for the winter writes that the weather there is delightful and she is enjoying her stay there.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Luccock of Plainville, Conn., were guests at the home of Miss Isabel Thompson last weekend. The Rev. Mr. Luccock was the preacher at the Congregational church Sunday.

The picture of Robert L. DeVeer in last week's Press should have been credited as "Official U. S. Navy photograph."

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Writing as you hear" or "writing the essential fundamental sounds that you hear" is the basis and reason for Audigraph English, which provides a new spelling for to-morrow. With an alphabet provided the spelling of English words is made phonetic. A new and recently published book has just come from the press and is by Woodford Dulaney Anderson, Ph. D. for many years a summer resident of this community and whose home is in Tottenville, Staten Island, N. Y. Mr. Anderson was formerly professor in the Missouri Wesleyan college, Morningside college and the University of South Dakota. For many years he has been a teacher with the New York city high schools, now retired, and also recently in the department of accountancy of the college of the City of New York. The book with its complete details of American Audigraph English is dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. John Huston Finley and is fully protected by copyrights in both the United States and Canada. A copy of the new book has been received by the Editor of the Press, and has been seriously studied, with the resultant feeling that its use requires much more than the "once-over."

The book, with its system of phonetic English is now being circulated among educators here for a review, and some have already admitted that while at first sight, it seems "odd and complicated," it is simple based on "sounds" of English, 'as it is spoken' and is really a serious work. A first glance of the new system by any reader brings forth the desire for further consideration.

## Buying Defense Stamp Many Are Sold Here

In the nine "Stamp Days" held in the Northfield public schools since the opening of the local Defense Savings program the children of Northfield have purchased \$554.15 in stamps. This is a record to be proud of!

Defense Stamps may be purchased in the following places:

East Northfield Post Office, Northfield Post Office, La Plant's Store, South Vernon; Barber's, I. G. A. Store, East Northfield; A & P Store, Northfield; Irish's Store, Northfield; Avery's Store, Northfield; Tenney's Store, Northfield Farms.

Bonds, also may be purchased at the post offices.

## Church Budget Secured

Recently the Congregational church held an "Every-member canvass" to secure funds to provide for its budget the coming year, and the treasurer George McEwan has reported to the church that up-to-date there has been 124 pledges given which amount to \$2600.40 as against \$2135 last year, or a gain of \$465.40. The total amount pledged for missions was \$767 as against \$589 last year or a gain of \$178.

## Millard Stancliff Dies

Millard Van Buren Stancliff, 76, of Hinsdale died at his home Monday.

He was born in Marlboro, Vt., Sept. 15, 1865, the son of Rosella Prouty and Van Buren Stancliff. He married Phoebe Johnson in 1888. She died four years ago.

He was the father of Mrs. Andrew Gray of this town, Mrs. Roy Mulrone, Mrs. Harrison Stacey and Mrs. Carl Deering all of South Vernon, who survive, also four sons and a sister.

He has lived in Hinsdale for many years. The funeral was held Wednesday in Hinsdale and burial was in Bernardston.

The 12th lodge of instruction for the Masonic fraternity will meet with Mt. Sugar Loaf Lodge at South Deerfield next Tuesday evening.

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## TOWN TOPICS

There will be no Forum meeting Sunday evening in order that townspeople may hear the Christmas music at Northfield Seminary. The Forum Christmas party will be next Wednesday evening in the Congregational church vestry and every one is asked to bring toys to be sent to Eden, Vt., needy. Every young person in the Community is invited to the holiday party.

The Girls' Glee Club will meet to sing Christmas carols next Friday evening at Center school.

There will be an assembly of Center school next Thursday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock at Town Hall to sing carols and witness a Christmas play. Parents who are interested are invited.

The women who meet each week at Alexander hall and sew for the Red Cross have completed a consignment of 30 baby shirts, and 20 girl skirts, which have been sent to headquarters. They are now working on baby snow suits and 12 year girls' dresses. More volunteers are needed and should talk with Mrs. George Thompson in offering their service.

William G. Carr of New York, son of George W. Carr of Winchester road, expects to enroll in the U. S. Naval Reserve, for immediate training.

A box of clothing and other articles have been sent to the Lincoln school at Marion Alabama by Mrs. Gales Sunday school class of the Congregational church.

Announcement is made of the death of Dr. Henry W. Luce at his home in Haverford, Pa., last Monday. He was an outstanding leader in the development of higher education in China and up to 10 years ago had spent most of his time there. He was a missionary of the Presbyterian church. He had been a frequent summer visitor in Northfield and many will recall his stays on the Ridge. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Under the auspices of the Christian Endeavour Society and the Young People's Forum, a Candlelight Vesper Service will be held in the Congregational Church at 5 p. m. on Christmas Sunday afternoon, December 21st. The full choir will sing, and members of the Endeavour Society will read the Christmas Story.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society has been postponed to a later date, owing to the illness of its president, Mr. Bronson.

Pupils of the Center school will hold a Christmas party with a music program in the Town Hall next Thursday afternoon.

The Rev. William E. Park, president of the Northfield schools, will be the guest speaker this afternoon (Friday) at a meeting of the Winchester Women's Club.

Volunteers are needed for air raid observers. The list is not complete and if you can give a few hours in this patriotic service, call up Capt. William Marshall, Tel. 3318, Max Huber or Fred I. Bolton. The observation post is at the flag pole on the Sem-

inary campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Curry of Frost, West Virginia have returned to their home after having spent a ten days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rosa.

Mrs. Frans M. George who was recently at the Farren Memorial hospital for treatment for injuries received in a fall on the stairs in her home, has returned but still suffers considerable pain and finds it necessary to continue medical treatments. She is at her home here.

Dr. George A. Bronson who has been quite ill at his home on Main street during the past week is now much improved.

Mrs. Frank Smale Jr. of Durham, N. C., is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Giebel of Main street.

The State college at Amherst will spend about \$25,000 on farm buildings this winter, replacing a dairy barn burned in July and to replace an outmoded poultry house.

Postmaster M. C. Skilton was in Middletown, Conn., last week on business and also made a trip to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morse of Wampanoag road left last Monday by motor to spend the winter in Florida.

### West Northfield and South Vernon

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danforth off the Pond road narrowly escaped destruction by fire, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. W. C. Tyler, a neighbor saw smoke pouring from the cellar, and called several neighbors and the Northfield fire department. In the meantime Mr. Tyler and neighbors had stopped the progress of the fire by the use of water from a nearby brook and a fire extinguisher. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring. No one was at home at the time.

Mrs. George E. Tyler is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Harriet Webster of Brattleboro.

Miss Fanny Haseltone of Chester, Vt., is visiting Mrs. Eleanor Dunklee.

Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce returned Saturday, from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Carlton Smith, and her nephew, Frederick Brooks, and families in Schenectady, N. Y.

South Vernon church, Rev. B. L. White, pastor.

Mrs. White will speak at the morning service at 10:30 next Sunday, taking as her subject, "Bethlehem, The House of Full Supply." Sunday School at 11:45. Loyal Workers at 6:30 p. m., leader, Courtland Dunklee. Earle Williams of Brattleboro will speak at the evening service at 7:30.

There will be a rehearsal for the Christmas pageant Monday evening at 7:30 at the church.

Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday at 7 p. m.

### CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to the many kind friends, who sent messages, flowers and made visits upon me during my recent illness and stay at the hospital. They brought much cheer.

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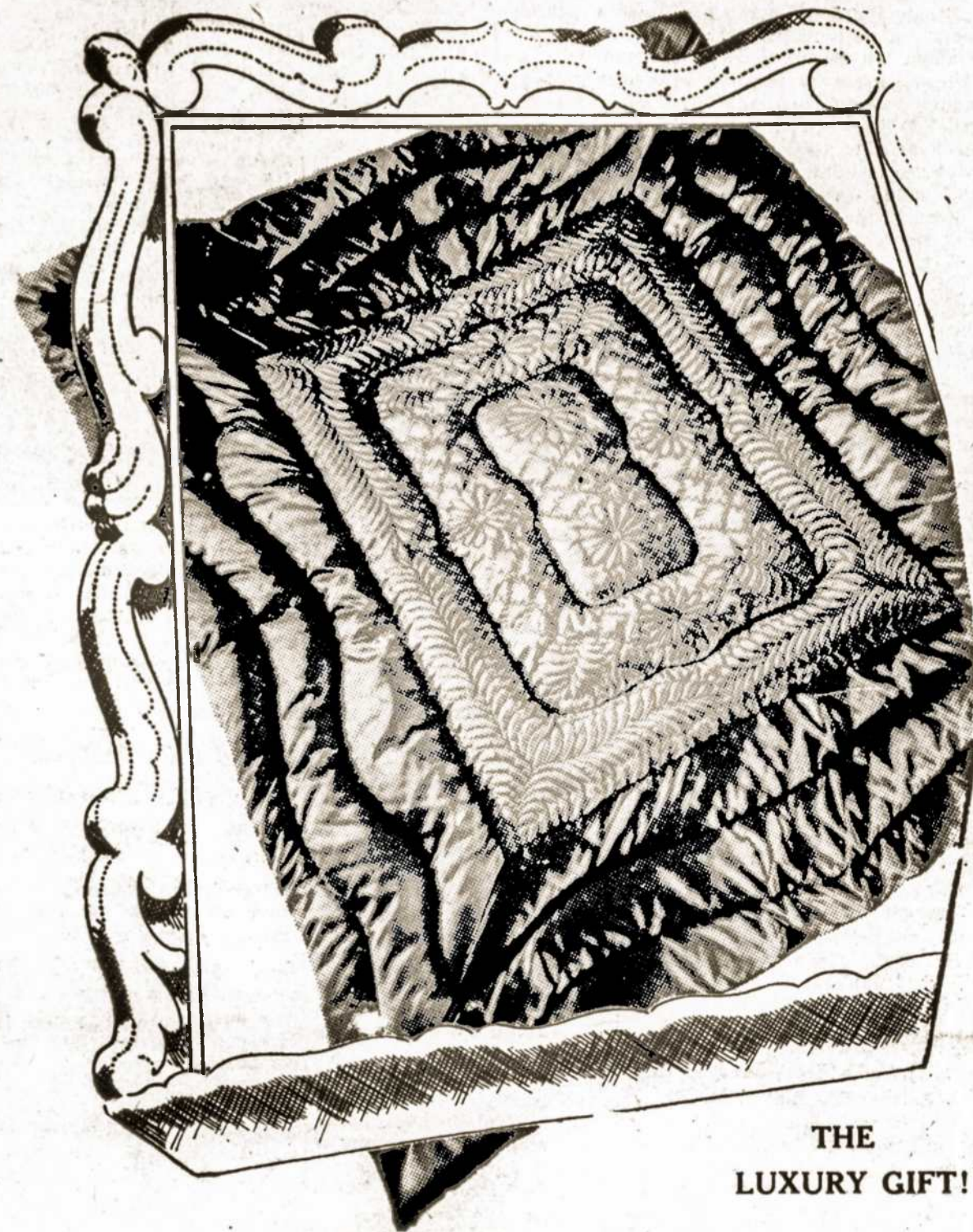
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When the rumors first spread that the New York Herald was for sale, William Randolph Hearst sent a cable to James Gordon Bennett, publisher of the Herald, which read: "Cable reply immediately: what price are you asking for the Herald?" Bennett cabled back: "Two cents daily—ten cents on Sundays!"

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Rose Room Prune Plums	2 No. 1 cans 15c
Growers Table Salt	2 2-lb. cartons 11c
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Van Dutch Cocoa	can 10c
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## TOWN TOPICS

The Friendly class of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. R. Carmean on Main Street next Monday evening for a Christmas party and to wrap gifts for local distribution.

The local bowling team is in third place in the county league with the season schedule almost halfway. The Boston and Maine team is at the head.

Edward M. Eastman and Norman Russell Long, young men employed at the Northfield Hotel have enlisted at the Navy recruiting station in Greenfield and have been sent to Newport. This enlistment is the first response here to the declaration of war with Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody left Monday to spend the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla. They will visit their daughter, Mrs. George Loos and family at Princeton, N. J. enroute and make stops also at other places.

Mrs. Leon Whitmore of this town was elected president of the past Noble Commanders club of the Golden Cross at its meeting in Greenfield last week.

Mrs. Robert McCastline of Maple Street was hostess to the meeting of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held yesterday afternoon when a talk was given by Rev. Arthur Heebe, minister of the church.

The death of Oscar Edman Holton of Erving occurred last Saturday at his home after a long illness. He was born in Northfield the son of Alexander and Mary Collier Holton and had resided here before removing to Erving, 40 years ago. He was 69 years of age. He is survived by his wife.

Visions of winter sports are in evidence about the Northfield Hotel and the only thing lacking is snow and ice. The large toboggan chute is in place, the ski trails are cleared and the pond is filled with water. So with the white flakes and the cold, the usual number of sport enthusiasts are looked for at the hotel, where inside will prevail as always the spirit of hospitality and warmth.

The large whistle on the boiler house at the Seminary, tooted often on Wednesday and caused some apprehension. Some thought it was a big fire, or a siren alarm for an air raid. However it was only a test of the apparatus.

The fire department was called out three times on Wednesday, twice for chimney fires and one a grass fire. No damage resulted in the calls.

James Dresser, Ralph Holton and William Lernatowicz were chosen local representative in the Agricultural Conservation association on Tuesday at the county meeting in Greenfield. Philip Mann is delegate to the convention.

Miss Evelyn Russell of the Farms is studying at Atlantic Union college at South Lancaster. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws of New York City, frequent visitor to Northfield, has gone to St. Petersburg, Fla., to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Field of this town arrived in Orlando, Fla., last week where they will reside during the winter months. They made the trip by motor visiting various places and rolled up 1,444 miles on their speedometer. In a note they said the weather was delightful and that they observed much progress in the southlands.

Admirer: You had a very fashionable audience at your recital, didn't you?

Pianist: Yes, at one time there was not a single person in the room who was listening.

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## Prayer After Illness

Tune me for life again, O quiet Musician!

Strive to adjust my loosened thoughts until,  
Made taut, they shall be yielding to Thy fingers  
Gladly as trees to winds that touch this hill.

Rhyme me with life once more, O silent Poet.

Out of my weary, fluttering heart-beats, make  
Cool rhythms, hushes, yet certain as the cicreling  
Water against the edges of this lake.

Fit me for life again, O patient Artist,

Paint on my tired soul glad, vivid things.

Splash now upon its dullness beauty's pigments,  
Lovely as pansies or a bluebird's wings.

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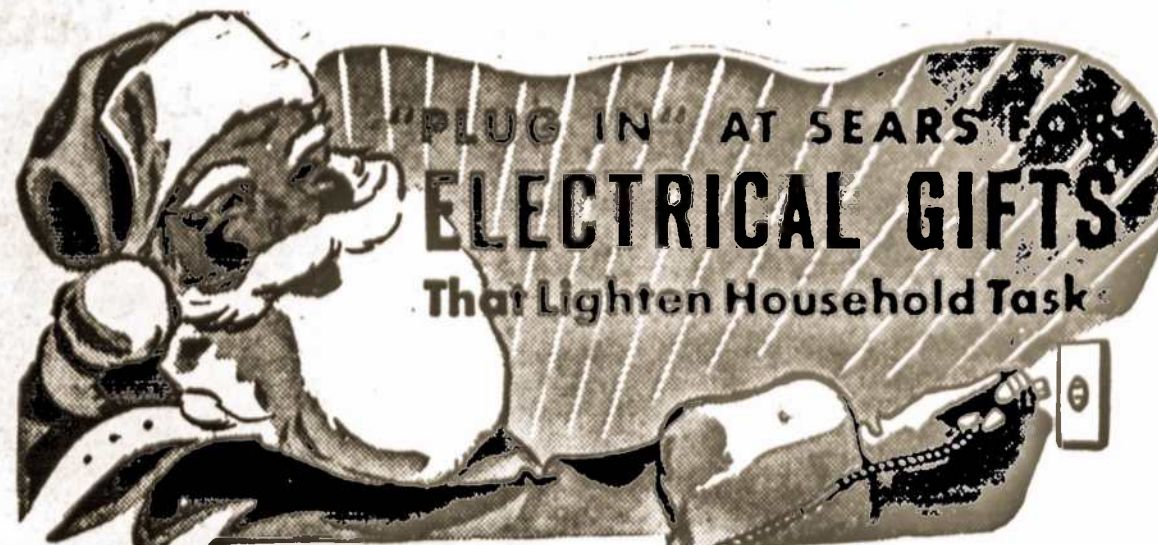
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## EDITORIAL

### BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

Almost simultaneously with the announcement of Japan's wanton and vicious attack came an appeal from Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for larger support of the United States Defense Savings program. Since the inauguration of the Northfield program the local sale of both bonds and stamps have risen remarkably with the town's school children an important role through their enthusiastic reception of weekly Stamp Day. In line with the governments request the Northfield Defense Committee once more appeals to the people of Northfield to support the program to the limit of their ability. Frank W. Pearceall is efficiently handling the local publicity.

### RUMORS

The desire to be the first to acquire interesting bits of information and the first to pass such news along is a very human trait. There are always eager ears awaiting "inside information," especially if such information is strictly confidential and it adds a certain lustre to the practice. In normal times there is comparatively little harm in idle gossip, but, with the advent of war the picture changes—especially a war which our chief foe has boasted he will win by means of a Fifth Column. There is no such thing as "idle" gossip now. We are face-to-face with reality and the reality is that the enemy is already within the gate and you and I don't know who he is. Our ability to win this war depends on our ability to keep our heads and maintain a high degree of morale. To pass on, as truth, a story you do not know to be true, may be to play into the hands of the enemy.

### LEGAL

All persons having bills against the town of Northfield should send them to the Selectmen not later than Monday, December 22, 1941 to receive attention. These bills include those for salary, wages or merchandise.

F. A. HOLTON, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen

Americans can take it! Let's pass on only what we know to be true even though it doesn't sound as interesting as the other story we heard!

### Know Massachusetts by State Planning Board

DO YOU KNOW . . . Nearly 40 per cent of all the rubber footwear made in the United States is produced in the Boston industrial area . . . Of the 9,007 manufacturing plants in Massachusetts reported in the 1939 census, 3,856 or 34 per cent have less than six wage-earning employees each . . . The first motorcycle hill climb was staged in Boston on May 30, 1904 and was won by Charles Gustafson . . . The first singing contest in America took place in 1790 in Dorchester, between the singers of the First Parish of Dorchester and the singing society of Stoughton. The Stoughtonians won . . . In the early 1800's Summer Street was regarded as the most beautiful residential avenue in Boston . . . The Braintree slates are said to be the oldest known rocks in Massachusetts . . . The first child labor law educational provision was passed by Massachusetts in 1836. It required all children to attend school at least three months a year . . . The first horses were imported in 1629 by the Massachusetts Bay Colony . . . The first theatre lighted by electricity was the Bijou in Boston, which was lighted by an Edison isolated plant December 12, 1882 . . . The first apples were imported from England in 1629 by John Winthrop, colonial governor of Massachusetts . . . The Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission has just published a useful handbook listing the important ski and other winter sports facilities in the Commonwealth, material for which was prepared by the State Planning Board.

### "Thanks America!"

"Thanks America!"  
For pilgrim feet on alien sod;  
For pioneers with dreams rough-  
god;  
For patriots with face toward  
God;  
"Thanks America!"  
For steeped hills against the sky;  
For unchained truth uplifted  
high;  
For freedom born where heroes  
die;  
"Thanks America!"  
"Thanks America!"  
For common folks with thoughts  
sublime;  
For homes erected on love's de-  
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To the owners of the herein after  
described parcels of land situated  
in Northfield in the County of  
Franklin and the Commonwealth  
of Massachusetts, and to all  
others concerned.

You are hereby notified that on  
Saturday, the twenty-seventh day  
of December, 1941, at one o'clock  
p. m., pursuant to the provisions  
of General Laws (Ter. Ed.) Chap-  
ter 60, Section 53, and by virtue  
of the authority vested in me as  
Collector of Taxes, it is my in-  
tention to take for the town of  
Northfield the following parcels  
of land for non-payment, after de-  
mand, of the taxes thereon, with  
interest and all necessary interven-  
ing charges, or any unpaid bal-  
ance of said taxes, unless the same  
shall have been paid before that date.

Mrs. Pearl K. Backus: A cer-  
tain parcel of land containing 15  
acres more or less with buildings  
thereon (being the same conveyed  
by Sarah Ropes to Alfred A.  
Thresher by deed dated October  
15, 1924 and recorded at Franklin  
Registry of Deeds in Book 690  
Page 398) situated on the south  
side of the old road from North-  
field to Warwick, this latter deed  
of which is recorded in Book 766  
Page 307 at the Franklin County  
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lowing arrangements should be  
made as far as possible by each  
household:

Clear all attics of inflammable  
material at once.

See that attic is made accessi-  
ble, so that it can be entered by  
stair or ladder in case of fire.

Have three or four buckets filled  
with dry sand available to fight  
incendiary bombs.

Have a scoop or shovel handy  
to sand, also a short or long  
handled axe.

Two or three buckets filled  
with water, a stirrup pump or  
hand fire pump for water should  
be available. Keep bath tub filled  
with water to replenish buckets  
quickly.

Procure some type of fire-re-  
sistant paint which can be used  
all over the attic, including rafters,  
joists, doors and other woodwork.

If garden hose is available,  
store at foot of attic stairs. Be  
sure nozzle will give a fine spray  
as well as a jet of water. This is  
excellent for fighting incendiary  
bombs. There must be a faucet  
to attach hose, and this should be  
installed if not available.

If not already familiar with  
fighting an incendiary bomb, ask  
your air raid warden for instruc-  
tions. This may mean the sav-  
ing of your home. Keep away  
from the bomb but use sand light-  
ly thrown about it. Wet every-  
thing about it with sprayed water.  
Be sure to call the Fire depart-  
ment.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 12-13;  
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Sun thru Tuesday, Dec. 14-16:  
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